

means of greater saving in the conduct of these offices, and a means of augmenting the State's revenues from such sources.

BUDGET SYSTEM AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.

The two most important measures passed by the Legislature of 1916 from a financial standpoint, indeed I might say for many sessions past, will be found in Chapter 159, proposing an amendment to the Constitution regulating the making of appropriations by the General Assembly, known as the "Budget System," and its companion Act, Chapter 126, repealing all laws, acts and resolutions heretofore passed by any General Assembly making annual appropriations from the funds of the general Treasury.

The State is to be congratulated upon the adoption of this Amendment by the people of this State, for it thereby puts Maryland at once in the forefront of States as having adopted an intelligent system of handling its finances.

Respectfully submitted,

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